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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 244

14 MAY 1957

1. The following were present:

Mr. D. J. Clinton	State	
Mr. R. S. Kain	State	
Lt. Col. D. H. Smith	Army	
Maj. J. W. Jacobson	Army	
*Mr. Andre E. Gerard	Army	
25X1A9a	LCdr. H. W. Holschuh	Navy
	Lt. Col. H. K. Avery	Air Force
	[REDACTED]	CIA
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		CIA (Chairman)
		CIA (Vice Chairman)
		CIA (Secretary)

* In attendance for review of Chapter I.

2. Review of Chapter I on Finland

The Committee reviewed the Chapter I on NIS 12 (Finland) and approved the draft with certain changes. The Chapter I Task Group was requested to review the detailed comments submitted by the member agencies. The Committee directed that this Chapter I be published without control and be released only to the United Kingdom.

The Army member reported that the geographic staffs in Army were impressed with the excellence of the terrain base maps in Chapter I prepared by CIA's Cartographic Division. The chairman said he continues to be gratified by the thorough review of Chapters I by the member agencies, which does so much to improve the quality of the intelligence in these chapters.

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3. Control Policy for Chapters I

The chairman requested that all members insure that controls on NIS contributions, particularly with respect to Chapters I, be applied in a realistic manner. He noted instances where agencies were still applying mandatory controls to Chapter I Comments contrary to NIS policy (refer to Item 8 NCM 222). He further observed that

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Finally, the chairman expressed his opinion that NIS controls should be applied uniformly by all agencies in terms of the fundamental considerations set forth in MIC 206/29 and not in any automatic or arbitrary manner.

With reference to Chapter I on Communist China which was controlled NOFORN by the Committee in view of the contributor controls placed on portions or all of six sections (refer to Item 2 NCM 239), the chairman said that CIA wants

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He requested the members to re-examine the basis for their controls to lessen the problem of sanitization. 25X1X7

4. NIS Contributor Statements

The Committee approved changes in the contributor statements as recommended by the several members and directed they be incorporated in the new printing of the NIS Standard Instructions. Among these approved changes was a rewording for Section 22 (refer to Item 5 NCM 243) and a new contributor statement for Supplement II, as follows:

Section 22 (Coasts and Landing Beaches)

This Section was prepared for the NIS by the Office of Naval Intelligence with contributions on coastal oceanography from the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office, and on routes of transportation from the Office of the Chief of Transportation, Department of the Army. The material on landing beaches was prepared under the general supervision of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army, by the Office of the Chief of Engineers.

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Supplement II (Coasts and Landing Beaches)

This Supplement was prepared for the NIS under the general supervision of the Director of Naval Intelligence. The material on landing beaches was prepared for the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army, by the Office of the Chief of Engineers, with contributions on routes of transportation from the Office of the Chief of Transportation, and on surf and tidal data from the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office. Maps and material on coastal description were prepared by the Office of Naval Intelligence.

Since the over-all coordination responsibility for the production of Chapter VIII and Section 80 is to be assumed by the Department of the Army beginning 1 July 1957 (refer to Item 5 NCM 222), the Committee approved the following contributor statement for Section 80:

This Section was prepared for the NIS by the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army, with contributions from the Office of Naval Intelligence and the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF.

The Committee also approved contributor statements for the new Supplement VI and NIS 108, as follows:

Supplement VI (Communism)

This Section was prepared for the NIS by the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State.

NIS 108 (International Communism)

This Part was prepared for the NIS by the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State.

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5. NIS Map and Graphics Requirements

The vice chairman requested all contributors to submit requirements to CIA for color proofs of their NIS maps and graphics as soon as possible in order to avoid a heavy backlog at the year's end and possible defections, since NIS contributions cannot be credited unless accompanied by the related maps and graphics.

6. Other Matters

a. The Army member requested that Section 24M (Topography) on the Urals and West Siberian Plain be rescheduled for 24 May 1957 in order that it can be adequately correlated with corresponding sections on adjacent geographic areas (refer to Item 9 NCM 243).

b. The State member reported possible compromise of Section 59 (Key Personalities) on Hungary. He said a report will be made upon completion of an investigation of the matter.

7. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 28 May 1957.

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